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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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**Amendment A**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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This amendment is in response to the Office Action of February 16, 2006.

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 5-7, 16, 20 and 21, objected to claims 8-15 and 17-19, and rejected claims 1-4.

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